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PHILLIPS et al.

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ANALYSIS USING GENERIC MOLECULAR BEACONS

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2003.

X Three months from January 7, 2004 to April 7, 2004.

X A check to cover the \$475 extension fee is attached.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

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